SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

PIERRE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Marine Corps, throughout its long history, has served our country gallantly on land, upon the sea, and in the air; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Corps was established in 1775 by the Continental Congress and saw action during the American Revolution and shared in the great naval victories of John Paul Jones; and

WHEREAS, the Marines are again prepared to defend our liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, down through the years, South Dakota men, serving with the Marines "from the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli", have repeatedly won honors for themselves and for their state; and

WHEREAS, during the month of July a drive to recruit seventy-five qualified young men of South Dakota for this intrepid branch of the armed services of the United States will be conducted in our state; and

WHEREAS, from "Boot Camp" they will be assigned to posts in which, like all South Dakota Marines, they will be a credit to our state:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of July, 1954, as

MARINE CORPS MONTH

in South Dakota, and do urge that, during this period, individuals and organizations, in their respective communities, take measures to assure success to the statewide drive for recruits in the United States Marines, whose members, whenever and wherever duty calls, never waver in devotion to their inspiring motto, "Semper Fidelis" - "Always Faithful".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 1st day of July, 1954.

. . . . Sigurd Anderson. . . . . .
Governor

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

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